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Applicant(s) : Jay S. Walker, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2175

Serial No : 09/518,495

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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SALE OF
AIRLINE-SPECIFIED FLIGHT TICKETS

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			"News Brief", Air Transport World, August 1996, pages 9-14

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